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sanctioned by the department concerned. If sanction is accorded, Government will see whether funds can be made available for this purpose."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, who runs this hospital ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" It is a Government headquarters hospital."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" Why should Government depend upon public subscription ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The public are liberal enough and the Government have no mind to refuse such subscriptions."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" The Government may expect the public to contribute. But supposing the public take ten years for collecting their subscription, are Government to wait till then without giving increased and better accommodation to their patients ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Government maintain this headquarters hospital upto a certain standard of efficiency. If the public want it to be maintained in a better state than what it is now maintained, they must pay for it."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" Are Government hospitals less efficient than privately endowed hospitals ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" It does not follow from what I have said."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" Will the hon. the Minister call for the proposals urgently so that the items contained in those proposals may be provided for in the next budget ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The Government will consider the suggestion."

Mr. B. MAHABALA HEGDE :—" If the schemes are submitted, will then at least the Government be pleased to make provision in the next budget ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The question will be considered."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—" Will the Government be pleased to issue instructions to local officers concerned to consult the views of the citizens of Mangalore who have contributed such a large sum before the former submit their proposals regarding the extension of the hospital ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Government see no objection to adopt that course."

### Excise.

#### *Report of the Excise Advisory Committee.*

\* 171 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) when he expects to receive the report of the Excise Advisory Committee; and

(b) the reasons for the delay ?

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A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 37.

(b) The reason for the delay is the nature of the problem itself.

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—“Will the hon. the Minister for Excise take steps to see that the report is published as early as possible as some of us are very anxious about it?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“I am as eager and anxious as my hon. Friend opposite in the matter.”

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—“That is not shown in action. I want to know whether the hon. the Minister is going to do something at least now in this matter?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“The Advisory Committee is making elaborate enquiries and the matter has to be considered very carefully.”

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—“There is no evidence to show that the Committee evince any interest in its work.”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“Crores of rupees of revenue are involved in this matter and as such it must necessarily occupy a long time.”

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR :—“May I know how many times the Committee met and what it did?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“The whole thing was answered once. If my hon. Friend wants me to repeat the same again, I shall give him the necessary information later.”

*Prohibition of drink in the Nilgiri district.*

\* 172 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the arrangements made to help the Badagas and other hill tribes in the Nilgiris against the dangers of drink;

(b) the result of the experiment so far and the amount of loss of revenue, if any;

(c) whether the Government received a petition from the Nilgiris Temperance Federation that complete prohibition may be adopted in that district on the ground that no effort to help the people of that district would be fully successful unless prohibition is extended to all classes without any distinction; and

(d) whether Government intend to take any action on this petition and, if so, to what extent?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to paragraph 44 of the Excise Administration Report for 1923-24 placed on Editors' Table with G.O. No. 1836, Revenue, dated 27th November 1924.

(b) The experiment has not been in force for sufficiently long time to judge its results.